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Japan Field Study Trip 2009



Starting on September 6, 2009, twenty-seven freshmen World Maritime University (WMU) Sasakawa Scholarship students were invited to Japan for a weeklong training course. The course consisted in visiting The Nippon Foundation and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism in the Tokyo area as well as maritime and cultural facilities in local areas outside urban centers.

September 7: A visit to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) A courtesy visit was made to Mr. Ono, Director General of the Maritime Bureau, followed by a presentation made by Mr. Otsubo, Director for International Regulations, Safety Standards Div., Maritime Bureau, covering a broad range of subjects, including Japan's contribution to the successful process of establishing IMO-related international conventions, as well as the importance of the technological underpinning required in regulations concerning gas emissions, ship recycling, ballast water treatment, safety, and the environment. Students were highly motivated and asked many questions.

Courtesy Call on Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, the Chairman of The Nippon Foundation Understandably, the visiting students were somewhat tense as they neared this important occasion. However, as soon as Mr. Sasakawa joined them with his characteristic warm smile, the students seemed themselves again. After Mr. Bruce Browne, the Vice-President of WMU, expressed his gratitude on behalf of the visitors, the students took turns introducing themselves. Mr. Sasakawa turned to the hopeful group of young people saying, "You are my treasures, as each scholarship student is expected to play an important future role in the international maritime field." He told them to keep in close touch with The Nippon Foundation after their graduation.

Welcome reception The students were greeted by more than 150 guests invited for the occasion and were warmly welcomed by Mr. Taketoshi Ogata, President of The Nippon Foundation, and Dr. Bjorn Kjerfve, President of WMU, who was in Japan on business. Mr. Ono, Director General of the Maritime Bureau at MLIT proposed a toast to the students' promising future.

September 8: A visit to the Japan Coast Guard's Yokohama Marine Disaster Prevention Base The group visited the three different Water Training Tanks for lifesaving and salvage work and were shown the training of a special rescue team. The students then visited the Material Storeroom where they received an explanation on the prevention and removal of marine oil-spills. The last visit of the morning was to the Japan Coast Guard Museum Yokohama where a suspected North Korean spy boat was exhibited. Mr. Tokimasa Yokoi (Japan, 2008) was on site as a goodwill guide, and supporter to give a helpful explanation.

NYK Maritime Museum After being welcomed by Mr. Akamine, the Vice Director of the Museum, the visiting students learned about the history of Nippon Yusen K.K. (NYK LINE) and the impact that maritime transport has had on Japan, in a lecture by Mr. Uematsu, a special advisor to the Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF).

Yokohama Port Museum The visiting students were greeted by Mr. Shizawa, Vice-President of Yokohama Port Museum, and were then given a description by Capt. Yamamoto of the ship as well as an account of the training of the sailors. The students were then invited onboard the ship and shown around. Mr. Kimura, a former professor at WMU and others were there to provide explanations on the ship's interior.



September 9: A ride on the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Shizuoka. A visit to YAMAHA Motor Co., Ltd - Fukuroi Plant The group observed a series of work processes including the manufacturing of outboard engines, a surface treatment area, an engine assembly, preparation of products for shipment and more. Since outboard engines are quite familiar to most of the students, many questions were asked during the Q/A session. **TOYOTA Motor Corporation** Students were thrilled to visit the welding zone of the Tsutsumi Plant where the popular Prius hybrid cars are assembled. Approximately 400 parts and components are welded onto a single car by dozens of industrial robots that seem to have lives of their own. Students also learned that TOYOTA is dedicated to reforestation for the protection of the environment.

September 10: Port of Nagoya On a chartered boat, the Nagoya Port Authority gave a lecture to students on the history of the port as well as the present situation regarding the container port. Then they kindly took the students around Japan's first automated terminal at Tobishima quay on Port Island. Not surprisingly, students had a great many questions to ask.

Universal Shipbuilding Corporation Students visited the assembly plant and shipbuilding dock at the company's Tsu Shipyard. The Tsu Shipyard is suited for building 200,000 ton bulk cargo ships, and the students saw work in operation. The dock opens from both sides so that at all times it is able to construct 1.5 large ships. Many of the visiting students are involved in administration and education, so this visit gave them valuable experience as they have little opportunity to see a dock of this kind. The tour was also a good opportunity for us to show them the high level of Japanese shipbuilding expertise.

September 11: Kobe University, Faculty of Maritime Sciences WMU has an academic exchange agreement with Kobe University and there are active exchanges of teaching staff between the two institutions. Following a welcome address by Mr. Keiji Oda, Dean of the Graduate School of Maritime Sciences, a presentation was made by Mr. Trika Pitana (Indonesia, 2005) who now has a Ph.D degree from the University. This was followed by twenty-five students from Kobe University

joining the twenty-seven WMU students for interesting discussions in three groups on the subjects of risk management, shipping, and the environment. The group discussion was the first of its kind in this program, and to everyone's delight it proved successful.

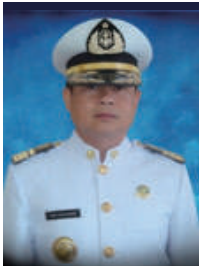
Hanshin Diesel Works, LTD. The students paid a visit to the Akashi Plant where ship's diesel engines are manufactured and were shown the production of mechanical components and the main equipment assembly section. The students must have noted that in this process not everything is left to machines, but sensitive human skills are still needed to produce the excellent ship's diesel engines made in Japan.

September 12: Experiencing the culture of Japan To see some of Japan's historical buildings, the students visited to Kiyomizudera, Kodaiji and Sanjusangendo temples. At Kodaiji temple, students were invited to a tea ceremony, often considered a symbolic expression of Japan's culture, and took part in the entire ritual. The resident priest talked to the students about the basics of Zen philosophy and invited all to experience Zen meditation.

Farewell Reception Mr. Kudo, Executive Director of OPRF, made a short speech, after which Mr. Hara, a member of the WMU Sasakawa Scholarship Selection Committee, asked all present to join him in raising their glasses to wish the students health and success in every undertaking. The 2-hour reception was just great.

I have in my hand over one hundred name cards representing all those who supported the Japan Field Study Trip. It was just a weeklong training period but countless people were involved in its success. It is the heartfelt wish of all those who happily and willingly supported the Field Trip that the students return to their countries feeling enriched with the knowledge and experience gained. Our secretariat would be gratified if our "goodwill investment" yielded great dividends not just in their own countries but in our region and around the world.

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Friends of WMU, Japan Secretariat



Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pelayaran (STIP) Maritime Higher Education and Training Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia

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Principal, Maritime Higher Education Institute
(Indonesia, 1990)

Overview:

Indonesia is an archipelagic state consisting of 17,000 islands, 81,000km of coastline, 5.9 million km² with 240 million people. It's a country where sea transport is very important to spread development to remote areas. As the cheapest transport it has to be managed effectively and efficiently. Involvement of the private sector is very important, particularly for operating seaports.

In 2008 the Indonesian parliament agreed upon the shipping act Undang-undang No. 17 Tahun 2008 to regulate water transport, ports, marine safety and security and marine environmental protection. The act also gives responsibility to the minister of transport to prepare human resources to be able to support all regulations.

Domestic or internationally, people are now requiring sea transport with better services, particularly regarding safety and security, and stronger marine environmental protection. To achieve this, we must prepare professional and competent human resources. Difficulties arise when existing human resources are still not professional and aren't sufficient in quantity or quality. Regulators and operators need professional personnel.

While human resources lag behind, we have to cope with very fast growth in sea transport technology. Beside said above make more and to make the matter more complicated, Indonesians generally do not have a safety culture or pay much attention to it.

Maritime education and training plays a very important role in forming and preparing professional personnel in maritime activities, such as ship operators, seafarers, port managers and staff, coast guard officers, harbor masters, marine inspectors and surveyors, etc., as well as educating the public in safety culture.

In November 2008, IMO in association with ILO, BIMCO, ICS/ISF, INTERCARGO, INTERTANKO and ITF launched a "GO TO SEA" campaign to attract entrants to the shipping industry. The campaign was based on a London shipping consultant's estimated officer short fall at 34,000 against a 498,000 total, rising to 83,900 by 2012, assuming current supply levels and fleet growth at 17%.

With this in mind, the Education and Training Agency of the Ministry of Transport plans to get more Indonesian youth to consider seafaring as a challenging career with a good salary compared to the average shore job. They don't have to remain at sea for their whole lives, as these are plenty of jobs on shore for these with a seafaring background.

STIP



Sekolah Tinggi Ilmu Pelayaran (STIP) / The Maritime Higher Education and Training Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia, an institute under the Education and Training Agency of Ministry of Transport, is the largest and the oldest state maritime school of high education (university level) in Indonesia.

It was established in 1954 and inaugurated officially by the First president of Indonesia, Soekarno on February 27, 1957 as the Indonesian Merchant Marine Academy (AIP), then re-named PLAP in 1984 and again re-named STIP.

STIP is known internationally, particularly by shipping companies. Besides Indonesians, Malaysians and Tanzanians have graduated from 1974 to 1984. And from 1962-1965 lecturers from the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) came to assist Indonesian maritime education.

At first, the institution prepared graduates for deck and engine officer positions on board merchant vessels, then it added radio officers and managerial positions at land-based institutions such as shipping companies and port authorities.

Currently, STIP provides a bachelor of applied science degree for nautical, marine engineering, port and shipping management, besides training for certificates of competence required in the STCW Convention and Code. It also provides training required by shipping companies and offshore industries, and in 2010, STIP will start a program for a master degree's in Port and Shipping Management, and Maritime Safety and Environmental Protection.

Mission:

To become a leading maritime educational institution at international standards.

1. To operate a top-class institution.
2. To conduct research and community service for the development of the maritime industry.
3. To grow human resources with good mental and moral discipline, fit for duty in supporting the maritime industry.
4. To manage an educational organization with transparency and accountability.



Academics:

The curriculum is based on the Indonesia Educational Standard and International Convention of STCW 1978 as amended, leading to a bachelor of applied science degree with a licence as a watch-keeping officer or engineer for unlimited voyage and unlimited ships' size or propulsion. The degree and licence are linked, meaning the graduate receives both or neither.

The educational program at STIP is two years' study on campus in class rooms, simulators, laboratories or workshops, one year sea training for majoring in nautical/deck and marine engineering, and field training at shipping companies and port authorities for majoring in port and shipping management. The fourth year is on campus, where cadets are given knowledge to become chief mate/second engineer.

In order to promote discipline, mental and physically fitness of the graduates, all must be members of the regiment of cadets and live in a dormitory. Cadets have to follow daily activities from early in the morning until late in the evening under the firm supervision of instructors.

STIP aims for a bright future for Indonesian youths as an institution which contributes to safer and efficient shipping on Indonesian and international waters.

Safety Regulations for Ships Carrying Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles



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- Introduction -

The prevention of global warming has been recognized as one of the most important issues in the world and international organizations have made comprehensive contributions to establishing environmental frameworks and measurements. The negotiation under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on post Kyoto Protocol is almost at the final stage. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has also discussed the framework to reduce CO₂ emissions from international shipping and approved the related guidelines at the 59th Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC59).

On the other hand, safety measurements have also highly correlated with environmental items including the prevention of global warming. I would like to present one example - safety regulations for cargo space for hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (HFCV) - in this column.

- Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicles (HFCV) -

Various challenges by automakers have been undertaken to reduce CO₂ emissions of green-house gases from automobiles, which emit around 16% of all sectors in the world. Governments and States are also introducing infrastructures and schemes that promote the supply and use of eco-friend technology, such as California and some other U.S. states' Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Programs. The Hydrogen Fuel Cell Vehicle (HFCV), which uses hydrogen as its fuel and oxygen from air as its oxidant and emits no CO₂, is one of the best technologies for reaching our goals. The supply and demand for HFCVs will be successfully increasing in the near future under the above circumstances. Accordingly, demand for seaborne trade of HFCVs is also increasing, and carriage by Pure Car Carriers (PCCs) is becoming essential for efficient transportation of such vehicles.

- Safety for seaborne trade of the HFCV -

Let's turn from the environmental challenge to safety issues. Unfortunately, hydrogen easily reaches a detonative atmosphere, and the energy of a hydrogen explosion is enormous. Therefore, we must avoid tragic accidents caused by spread of fire and explosion of hydrogen. The International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS Convention) includes safety requirements on fire protection for storage spaces of vehicles as follows in regulation II-2/20.

1. effective ventilation;
2. from the deck to a height of 450mm, approved safe type electrical equipment and wiring for use in an explosive petrol and air mixture; and
3. fixed fire-extinguishing systems, i.e. carbon dioxide systems having sufficient carbon dioxide to give a minimum volume of free gas equal to 45% of the gross volume of the cargo space.

However, current regulations have been developed for the carriage of conventional gasoline vehicles. Taking into account the demand of HFCVs from the environmental side, an urgent review of these regulations and establishment of new appropriate measurements has been strongly called for.

Under such circumstances, IMO agreed to establish the agenda for developing safety provisions for ships carrying HFCVs and compressed natural gas vehicles (CNGVs) at the 85th session of Maritime Safety Committee (MSC 85). The discussions on this item will start in April 2010.

- Conclusion -

It is our goal to accomplish both maritime safety and marine environment protection. I am really looking forward to seeing HFCVs, carried by seaborne trade, all over the world in the near future.

The Northwest Pacific Data Distribution Region Meeting in Tokyo

Tomomi Okubo (Japan, 2006)



The Northwest Pacific Data Distribution Region (NWPDDR) Meeting was held from August 26th to 28th, 2009 with financial support from the Ocean Policy Research Foundation (OPRF) in Tokyo. The meeting concerned the Cospas-Sarsat system, which is the system used by Satellites to find the locations of beacons from ships/aircrafts/persons in distress. The beacons are Emergency Positioning Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB) for ships, Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELT) for aircrafts and Personal Locator Beacons (PLB) for people. When the beacon sends an alert, the data is received by the mission control center (MCC) through local user terminals (LUT) and then sent to appropriate rescue coordination centers (RCC) for rescue activities. I guess most of the newsletter readers are familiar with Cospas-Sarsat, especially EPIRB, since the articles are related to the maritime world.



Six regions were set for Cospas-Sarsat data distribution: Data Distribution Region (DDR), namely, Central, Eastern, Northwest Pacific (NWP), South Central, Southwest Pacific and Western, and one nodal MCC was arranged in each DDR. Nodal MCC has a role as a focal point and data distribution center, etc., in the region. Since Japan was decided upon as the NWPDDR nodal MCC, JAMCC organized the meeting to move the DDR activities forward. JAMCC and other members in the NWPDDR-CNMCC (Beijing), HKMCC (Hong Kong), KOMCC (Taejon), TAMCC (Taipei), VNMCC (Haiphong)-discussed many topics, such as new requirements to improve the system; Quality Management Systems (QMS) and Medium Earth Orbit Search and Rescue (MEOSAR), and back-up arrangements in case some MCCs are not available. During the discussion, we reached a consensus supported by the Deputy Head of Cospas Sarsat Secretariat, who also joined the meeting.

After two days, the delegates visited the JAMCC LUT on a technical tour explaining Sky Perfect JSAT's cooperation in maintaining the LUT on contract with Japan. Taking two and a half hours by bus one way also gave them a chance to see rural Japan and buy some souvenirs when the bus took a rest stop.

The three-day meeting was a success. As one of the delegates, I would like to give my appreciation to OPRF again for giving us the chance to hold the meeting in such a nice way.

WMU Graduates in Singapore!

Jerry A Nibre (Philippines, 2003)

On June 15, 2009 I reported to ReCAAP ISC as Senior Manager (Operations/Research). ReCAAP stands for Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia Information Sharing Centre. ReCAAP ISC is the first multilateral government-to-government anti-piracy organization in Asia. The Centre was set up in Singapore as an International Organization (IO) manned by a staff of nine Singaporeans and five foreign secondees from the Japan Coast Guard, Indian Coast Guard, China's Ministry of Public Safety, Korean MLTM and Philippine Coast Guard.

Recently, we were joined by Captain Hong Jong Hae, a fellow graduate from the World Maritime University, Class of 2002. Captain Hong belongs to the Korean Ministry of Land Transportation and Maritime Affairs (MLTM). He is now designated as the Assistant Director, Operations.

In my two-month stint with ReCAAP ISC, I had the opportunity to meet other graduates from WMU: Mr. Mak Sideth (Cambodia, 1998); Commander Kentaro Furuya, Japan Coast Guard (Japan, 2003) and Captain Wai Lynn Htut (Myanmar, 2004).

During the just concluded APEC/OPRF workshop on the strengthening of collaboration among APEC member economies to counter piracy and armed robbery on July 29, 2009 in Singapore, I met Mr. Nguyen Hai Nam (Vietnam, 2002) and my colleague from the Philippine Coast Guard, Captain Joselito F. Dela Cruz PCG (Philippine, 2003). The three of us, all Sasakawa Fellows, then introduced ourselves to Mr. Masahiro Akiyama, the Chairman of OPRF, who delivered the opening remarks during the meeting. Mr. Akiyama was very pleased and proud to see Sasakawa Fellows working together. While we had only a few minutes together, we managed to express our mutual sense of pride and gratitude in having been Sasakawa Fellows, without which we may not be where we are today.



From left: Captain Hong Jong Hae, Captain Jerry A Nibre PCG, and Commandant AA Hebbar



From left: Captain Joselito F. Dela Cruz PCG, Mr. Nguyen Hai Nam, Chairman Masahiro Akiyama of OPRF, and Captain Jerry A Nibre PCG

Another WMU graduate whom ReCAAP ISC hosted is Commandant AA Hebbar (India, 2006), TM of the Indian Coast Guard. Commandant Hebbar participated in the Expert Working Group Meeting hosted by ReCAAP ISC.

As I will be here in ReCAAP ISC until June 11, 2011, I will keep you posted of any developments of mutual interest.

GRADUATION 2009

Sue Jacson (WMU Associate Registrar)

On Sunday, October 4th, WMU's Chancellor and IMO Secretary General, Mr. Efthimios E Mitropoulos, conferred postgraduate degrees on the World Maritime University's Class of 2009. The first graduate of the WMU Ph.D programme, Michael Ekow Manuel of Ghana, received his degree, along with 84 students graduating from the Malmö-based MSc programme in Maritime Affairs, and 18 from the distance-learning Postgraduate Diploma in Marine Insurance.

Mr. Paul Clark, Under-Secretary of State for Transport in the UK, was the Guest of Honour. In his speech, he noted that his parliamentary constituency has strong links to Japan, as it was, in 1564, the birthplace of William Adams, the first Englishman to travel, by ship, to Japan. Mr. Clark went on: "Shipping remains the most environmentally friendly way of transporting goods around the world, and yet nobody can ignore the fact that one of the biggest challenges we all face, whether we are from the developed nations or the developing world is the need to combat the threat of climate change."

The Chancellor gave the graduation address, in which he observed: "It is its continuing ability to produce graduates of a high quality indeed that has brought WMU the high regard and esteem it enjoys today – qualities that are reflected in the increasing number of candidates of an equally high calibre who apply to join its ranks. The University has been, and will continue to be, an integral component in all matters related to transportation by sea. In fact, its role as IMO's apex institution for high-level maritime education and training will become even more significant as the importance and advantages of creating a genuine sense of corporate social responsibility, with all that that entails, become more widely understood and recognised within the shipping industry."

During the ceremony, the annual special awards to students were announced:

- Deepak Raj Sharma (Sasakawa Fellow) of the Indian Coast Guard won the Chancellor's Medal for Academic Excellence



- Meenaksi Bhirugnath of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport & Shipping in Mauritius won the C P Srivastava Award for International Fellowship
- Anete Logina (Sasakawa Fellow) of the Maritime Authority of Latvia won the Pierre Léonard Prize for the Best Female Student
- Deepak Raj Sharma (Sasakawa Fellow) of the Indian Coast Guard won the Lloyd's Maritime Academy dissertation prize
- Jean-Pie Gauci-Maistre of GM International Services Ltd, Malta, won the Informa Law dissertation prize

The graduates of 2009 bring the total to 2,855 from 158 countries and territories, all making a tremendous impact on the global maritime sector.

Also at graduation, the newly elected officers of the Student Council formally took office. For the first time ever, all five of the senior WMUSC officers are Sasakawa Fellows. Safaa Abdulhussein Jaiyz Al Fayyadh of Iraq is President and will also serve as a member of the Board of Governors. He will work alongside his colleagues, Prayudi Budi Utomo of Indonesia (Vice-President), Josephine Olasso Castillo of the Philippines (Secretary), Dang Thi Huong Giang of Vietnam (Treasurer) and Fathima Rusniya Mohamed Haris of Sri Lanka (Auditor).

A Proud Evening for New Sasakawa Fellows

Lyndell Lundahl (Student Services Officer)

Fridhemsborg mansion overlooking the Öresound was once again the setting for a very special event in the University's year: the annual Reception hosted by the Ocean Policy Research Foundation to celebrate the successful completion of studies by the graduating Sasakawa Fellows and to award them their certificates.

In accordance with tradition, the Reception was held on the eve of graduation, Saturday, October 3, and the imposing mansion was abuzz with distinguished guests, University staff, first-year students and – not least! – the graduands themselves. Distinguished guests included Mr. Efthimios Mitropoulos, the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization and Chancellor of the World Maritime University, Mr. Masazumi Nagamitsu, the Executive Director of The Nippon Foundation, Dr. Björn Kjerfve, President of the World Maritime University, and Mr. Bruce Browne Vice Presidents, Mr. Roger Jones, Professor Shuo Ma and Professor Proshanto Mukherjee.



Admiral Eisuke Kudo, Executive Director of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, greeted the guests warmly and congratulated the students on their success. Congratulatory speeches were also made by Secretary-General Mitropoulos, Dr. Kjerfve and Mr. Nagamitsu, who also presented the certificates to the 25 very happy new Sasakawa Fellows. Mr. Deepak Sharma of India responded on behalf of the Fellows, thanking the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, The Nippon Foundation, Admiral Kudo and his staff, and in particular Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, for the generous sponsorship the Fellows had received throughout their study at the World Maritime University.

During the delicious buffet meal that followed, I had the opportunity of introducing two host families to Admiral Kudo and Mr. Shinichi Ichikawa of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation. Many students supported by the Sasakawa Fellowship Programme have been well

looked-after by the host families introduced to them by the University, and I was happy to act on Admiral Kudo's kind suggestion of inviting two such families to the reception. The Jeraeus family has been a staunch supporter of WMU and its students over many years, including hosting many Sasakawa Fellows in their home in Furulund, just outside Malmö. Ms. Anna Dalsjö has also hosted many Sasakawa Fellows in her home: she has a particular interest in students from Myanmar, having visited that country a number of times. Admiral Kudo expressed his appreciation of the efforts of the host families, who reciprocated by indicating their interest in the cultural and social exchanges that the host family programme enables.

The evening ended all too soon in anticipation of the big day to follow. Graduation brings many precious memories and I am sure that for the new Sasakawa Fellows, the reception is a treasured one.



A Homecoming and Dinner with WMU Class 2009 Sasakawa Fellows

Rommel A. Supangan
(Philippines, 2008)

On October 3, 2009, Atty. Jabeth Sena Japath A Dacanay (Philippines, 2003), Nelli Norit (Estonia, 2008) and Rommel A Supangan (Philippines, 2008) had the honour and privilege of joining the dinner hosted for WMU Class 2009 Sasakawa Fellows by The Nippon Foundation. Their attendance was actually a coincidental homecoming. Ms. Dacanay flew from Wales, United Kingdom where she is currently a Research Fellow under the Ph.D program of The Nippon Foundation and the Seafarers International Research Centre (SIRC) at Cardiff University. On the other hand, Ms. Norit, who is now a Knowledge Transfer Specialist at Estonian Maritime University, paid a visit to the WMU graduation, while Rommel Supangan attended the Maritime Labour Convention, 2009 training in Turin, Italy.

We were very much overwhelmed by the warm welcome of Mr. Shinichi Ichikawa of the "Friends of WMU, Japan" Secretariat of the Ocean Policy Research Foundation, and Mr. Eisuke Kudo, its



Executive Director. The night was filled with "Hi", "Hello", photo ops, and pleasantries with former professors, university staff and the WMU Class 2009 Sasakawa Fellows. As WMU Alumni and Sasakawa Fellows, the night brought us back in time to fond memories and wonderful experiences we had. We couldn't help remembering how fulfilled and thrilled we were when granted membership certificates for Friends of WMU, Japan. It was the same enthusiasm and exuberance reflected from the Class of 2009 Sasakawa Fellows as they took turns receiving their certificates. Indeed, we take pride in being a part of the Sasakawa Network and offer our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, Japan, who selflessly made all things possible for us.

To the proud members of the WMU Class 2009 Sasakawa Fellows, congratulations, and we wish you all the best as you go back to your countries and fill your respective roles in the maritime field. Certainly, our homecoming was made more memorable in sharing the pleasant evening with you.



Double Awards

Trika Pitana (Indonesia, 2005)

I would like to take this opportunity to share my happiness with everyone. After a long time waiting for a baby, my princess was born on September 16, 2009, in Kobe, Japan, at 2,344g and 48.5cm, and healthy. Her name is Aiko Alidanisha Pitana. Aiko means love, and Alidanisha means wise and broad-minded. We hope that she will love and be loved, and will be a caring and thoughtful person.

After getting the first award, on

September 25th, I got my Ph.D degree (second award) from Kobe University in the field of maritime sciences, especially maritime safety. I would like to thank Prof. Eiichi Kobayashi, my supervisor, and Prof. Kenji Ishida, who helped me get a Monbukagakusho scholarship. Hopefully, my knowledge obtained from Kobe University will be beneficial to the maritime field in Indonesia.



Good Time in Bangkok

Hassan Mrisho Kheri (Tanzania, 2008)

There is a common saying which says, "Mountains never meet but humans can". This came true when I attended an International Course on "Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)" in Thailand from August 24 to Sept 28, 2009, and met with Sasakawa Fellow and WMU former student Mr. Theerapong Bhothirungsi (Thailand, 2008) in Bangkok.

It was a special Saturday on September 26, at 10:10pm, waiting for our dinner somewhere in the middle of Bangkok. Next

to me was a lovely participant from Mombasa, Siti Bendera, and next to Theerapong was his lovely Thai girlfriend. OPRF and WMU have truly created a global network, connecting people together of "different color, different languages, but we never feel alone" in Bangkok. As the President of WMU, Dr. Bjorn Kjerfve said, "WMU's graduates have already created a rich network of contacts." Ahsante (Thank you)!

Seminar Presentation at WMU

Miss Carolyn Graham, Sasakawa graduate of the World Maritime University, Class of 2008, was recently invited back to the University to make a presentation to students in the annual Maritime Administration Seminar organized by Professor Jens-Uwe Schroder, The Nippon Foundation Chair of Maritime Administration.

The theme of the seminar was "Contemporary Opportunities and Challenges for Aspiring Maritime States" and one area of focus was the Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme (VIMSAS). The rationale for the seminar was that many of the students at WMU are from developing countries and oftentimes the predominant perspectives that are presented at seminars and conferences are those of developed countries. In an effort to respond to this concern of students, the seminar was organized to give timely and practical knowledge to

students that may be utilized in their administrations when they return home.

Miss Graham, who has been named the designated Central Point of Contact to the IMO for Jamaica's preparations to be audited, and who is coordinating Jamaica's preparations for VIMSAS, was invited to present on "Maritime Administration – Working on a Flag State Implementation Strategy – the Case of Jamaica."

The Seminar sought to be comprehensive in the topics presented, to give students a wide knowledge based on the scheme from the background of VIMSAS to practical ways of developing a strategy, to regional cooperation, funding possibilities and administrations' relationship with classification societies. The seminar was well attended and very informative, not only for students but for presenters as well.

Editor's Postscript

Hello Everyone!! I am pleased to inform you that I have become a new member of the editorial board of this newsletter.

I have engaged in developing international regulations on maritime safety and marine environment protection. In my 10-year career in the maritime sector and through my recent experiences at IMO meetings, I believe that an international "people-to-people link" is essential for us to develop not only technical regulations but also world maritime industries.

I also believe that the network of friends who graduate from WMU is a most valuable asset and a key factor in developing the

maritime sector, and how to further strengthen ties.

I will do my utmost to contribute to expanding the WMU family network by joining the board and providing information on international regulations and standards in this newsletter. And, please don't hesitate to contact me if you see me somewhere in the world, such as at IMO meetings.

Masanori YOSHIDA

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